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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 11-23 directed to a method of laser welding and an article formed by the method. Support for new claims 11-23 can be found in originally-filed claims 1-10 and in the description on page 1, lines 15-20; page 2, lines 11-16; and page 9, line 31-page 10, line 12.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

The word "type" has been removed from the claims.

The words "preferably", "more preferably", and "such as" have been removed from the claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

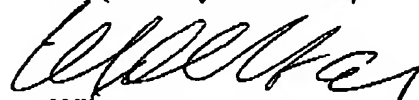
Claims 1-10 were rejected as anticipated by or, in the alternative, as obvious over JP 2-305831; JP 2841077; US 4,263,197; or US 4,527,994 in view of US 4,093,584; US 4,094,839; US 4,853,272; US 5,075,195; or US 5,489,639. The cited references make no mention of a method of laser welding or the use of the articles comprising the dyes used in the present invention in a method of laser welding. Hence, the claims are believed to be novel and non-obvious in view of the cited references.

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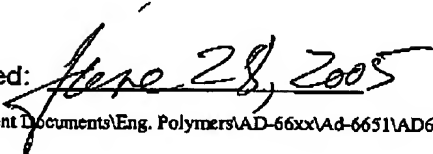
In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

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